

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

We try very hard to maintain a strong, attractive image and reputation for our school. I spend time on every assembly talking about behaviour, representing the school with pride and good sportsmanship. Mr Swales, too, is always reinforcing this with his sports teams as they leave the school wearing our uniforms and are highly visible to the public. In general, our students do a great job, our parents back us up and our teachers provide strong role models. In short, I believe Taigum State School has a great reputation and is a safe, supportive and friendly place in which to learn and to work. You can imagine then, my distress when I have parents arguing and fighting in the car park. Simply put, this is unacceptable. I cannot stop parents disagreeing or getting angry, but this is not the venue for the dispute. Principals now have powers to ban people from the site for 30 days. I have never used these powers and I do not ever wish to. However, I will if behaviour threatens the safety of students, parents and staff or the good reputation of the school. I thank the vast majority of parents for their perfect conduct in our grounds.

While I'm on the subject of bad news, I have to report that the Year 5 Bike Skills Course has been cancelled as we only had 6 takers. With luck, we may be able to reschedule for another time so more students can participate.

The good news - Our music students have had a great week. Alexander Lascu, our School Captain, has been selected to attend the Honours Music Camp in June. Alex is the first ever student from our school to do this and we are all very proud of her achievement, especially Miss Wilkinson our Instrumental teacher. Our choir also represented us with pride at the Zillmere Multicultural Festival on Saturday. Miss Templeton said they sang like angels.

We are currently awaiting the installation of our second water tank. It will be placed in the pool area and will be used to refill the pool as it loses water through evaporation. It has a 23 000 litre capacity and, when full, will save a lot of water. Mr Tompkins is presently upgrading our grandstand guttering to catch as much rainfall as possible.

Last week I reported on our School Cross Country event and how well it went. I left out the House Points so I could let our students know first on parade. In cross country, the lowest points are the winners so it went like this:

1 st	Bribie	58 points
2 nd	Stradbroke	59 Points
3 rd	Moreton	65 Points

It was a very close event and one more runner in any team could have made the scores much different. Our placegetters are running today at Bramble Bay and we wish them well.

We are having a free dress day tomorrow for the State of Origin. I apologise for the late announcement but it is an idea from the Student Council and they only met yesterday. The rules are as follows:

Students who wear maroon	\$1
Students who wear blue	\$2
Teachers who wear maroon	\$1
Teachers who wear blue	\$25

Go the Maroons!

Mark Fisher
Principal

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

The question that I have been asked the most as the school chaplain is, "What does a school chaplain do?" I am slowly figuring that out. I've been trying to get to know all the kids. I've been playing a lot of handball and touch footy. I've been spending a bit of time one-to-one with some kids. I really want to be a friend to all the kids and if they need someone to talk to, I want to be available.

Another part of my role is taking kids on camps in the holidays. Scripture Union Qld (SU QLD) is my actual employer and they run some really great camps. This year I'm planning on going on a year 7 School's out camp on Mon 15th till Fri 19th Dec.

I am also a youth and children's worker for the Salvation Army at Taigum and I'm going on a Kids Camp on the Queen's Birthday long weekend. It's for 7-12 year olds and I can take two Taigum students (boys) with me. It's a Christian camp and it's great fun! If you would like more info, call me at the church office on 3865 1088.

Steve Unicomb

FROM THE LIBRARY

Book Fair – Our annual Book Fair has commenced and will continue this week until Thur morning. Times are as follows:
Today, Tues & Wed
8:15am – 9:00am
3:00pm – 3:45pm
Thursday
8:15 – 9:00am **only**

Thank you to parents, students and staff for your wonderful support.

Gold Star Reading Club has been launched by the City Council Library Service. This is an annual event designed to encourage Primary School students to develop their reading and literacy skills in a fun and rewarding way. Registration forms are included with the Newsletter today and, upon completion, it can be taken to any City Council Library for membership. Children then receive a membership book and only need to read two books per month to be eligible for prizes. The program runs until September. Extra copies of the Registration Forms are available from the Library.

Michael Salmon's Author Visit is on 2nd June at a cost of \$2 per child. Parents and children under Prep age are most welcome to attend free of charge. Full details in next week's Newsletter.

Ed Alive Software has been ordered and should arrive within a couple of weeks.

Kind regards
Theresa McArdle
Librarian

P & C NEWS

Hello there from your friendly P & C committee...

As you all know, order forms were sent out last week for our Pie Drive Fundraiser. You will notice that you have been sent 2 order forms, the yellow one being for those people who require a menu low in fat, sugar and salt. All order forms and correct money are to be returned to the Uniform Shop by Tuesday 27th May. Delivery date will be Thursday 5th June.

Another P & C fundraiser coming up for the school will be a cookbook, so get your thinking caps on and give us your favourite recipe or even a handy hint that you have for the kitchen or around the home. You can drop it off at the Uniform Shop or to Amanda, Mara or me, and don't forget to include your name. Here is one of my

favourite recipes. Hope you try it, and enjoy...

~GREEK CHICKEN~

750g chat potatoes, halved skin on
8 chicken thighs (bone in skin on)
2 tsps sweet paprika
2 spanish onions quartered
1 red capsicum sliced
1 yellow capsicum sliced
3 cloves garlic finely chopped
Olive Oil (about 3-4 tbs)
1tbs fresh oregano chopped
400gm can diced tomatoes
12 black olives
1 cup fetta cheese crumbled
Chopped flat leaf parsley to serve.

Preheat oven to 200°C

Place chicken and potatoes in a large baking dish and sprinkle with paprika. Add onion, capsicum, and garlic and drizzle with olive oil. Add oregano and season with salt and pepper. Roast for about 40-45 mins. Add tomatoes and olives, basting chicken with the juices and cook for a further 15-20mins. Remove from oven and sprinkle with parsley and fetta cheese.

Easy and YUMMO! Cheers Lynn.



HOW TO USE A PEDESTRIAN REFUGE

In many areas, pedestrian refuges (or traffic islands) are replacing the old familiar zebra crossings. A pedestrian refuge places responsibility onto the pedestrian to give way to traffic. To make it safer to cross, a traffic island is placed in the centre of the road.

To cross a road safely at a pedestrian refuge you must take the following actions:

1. Stop at the kerb and give way to all traffic approaching from the right.
2. When it is clear, walk to the centre island (pedestrian refuge).
3. Once on the island, walk to the far edge of it and then give way to traffic from the left.
4. When there is no traffic approaching, walk to the far side of the road. You have now crossed the road.

This two-stage crossing shortens the time and distance you are exposed to traffic and you only need to check and give way to traffic from one direction at a time.

For more info, phone the Road Safety Office on 1300 360 135.